

Meeting was opened with greetings and introductions.

Members Present:

Linda Davis, Rachel Keith representing Senator Alberta Darling, Willie Johnson, Jr., Kim Kampschroer, Nikiya Harris Dodd, Mallory O'Brien, LaTonya Johnson, Susan Gadacz, Libby Mueller representing the District Attorney's Office, Mary Triggiano, Deanna Alexander, and Chris Holmes.

Notice of Meeting and Introductions

First, the notice of the meeting was published in the Monday, November 16, 2015 edition of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Second, the notice was faxed to the newspaper of record for the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin State Journal, on Monday, November 16, 2015. Finally, the notice was emailed to the Partnership Council stakeholders including any media who had requested such notice on Tuesday, October 27, and again on Wednesday, November 11. This satisfies the requirements for notice under Wis. Stat. 19.84(1)(b).

Minutes

Minutes for the July 31, 2015 minutes are approved as read. Minutes for the September 25 Community Meeting are approved as read.

Staff Diversity

Linda Davis announced that the discussion of staff diversity at the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services will be postponed until the January 2016 meeting due to scheduling issues.

Overview of Wisconsin continuous Quality Improvement System

John Elliott, DCF Deputy Administrator for the Division of Safety and Permanence, provided an overview of the new Wisconsin Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) System. The CQI is a continuous problem solving approach to improve processes and outcomes through the use of evidence. The new CQI system is evolving and will use multiple sources of data including KidStat data, eWiSACWIS, case record reviews and other specialized case reviews. Mr. Elliott and Michelle Rawlings (via telephone) answered questions regarding the information in the presentation.

Quality Parenting Milwaukee Initiative

Sarah Henery provided an update of the progress of the Quality Parenting Milwaukee Initiative. The goal of the Initiative is to change the branding of foster parents (including Kinship caregivers) and to ensure that kids in out of home care are parented and not just housed. The

group has developed four committees – Courts, Confidentiality, Family Interaction and Meetings to help focus the work of the group.

Health and Education Committee

Chris Holmes reported that the committee has been looking at Birth to Three issues. They have learned that referrals for Birth to Three are being made, but services are not always delivered, and that referrals are not consistent across agencies. We need to seek more consistency.

Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services, Mary Pat Bohn

“Hooray for adoptions!” (Today is Adoptions Day at family court.) Mary Pat thanked everyone who has a part in working with families and making children safe.

DCF Updates, Eloise Anderson, Secretary of Department of Children and Families

Secretary Anderson reported on a recent DCF/WCHSA Leadership Conference she attended. Some of the issues discussed at the Conference were early childhood, prevention/intervention and early childcare block grant planning.

The search for a new Division Administrator is ongoing.

Legislative Updates, Fredi Bove, administrator, Division of Safety and Permanence

Fredi Bove presented an overview of recent proposed legislation in Madison. The “Justice for Children” package (Assembly/Senate bills AB429/SB326, AB431/SB 324, AB428/SB325 and AB430/323) was initiated by the Wisconsin Attorney General. Although the intent of the bills is to protect the safety of children, there may be some unintended consequences, such as increased workloads for MPD and CPS staff. Legislation to comply with new federal requirements includes Act 101 and AB406/SB309. Other bills initiated by the Department include AB478/SB386, AB284/SB204, AB339/SB253, AB282/SB202 and AB513/SB386.

The Department of Children and Families and the Department of Justice have created a Human Trafficking Task Force. The Task Force will include a broad range of stakeholders including people from throughout the state. A public meeting will be held in December.

Community Forum

Michael Wallace of WCSWE announced that there will be a discussion on November 30 regarding dropping professional services requirements for social workers.

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Chris Holmes announced that The Behavior Clinic, a partnership between Marquette University and Penfield's Children Center, received SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices endorsement for its Early Pathways Programs.

Linda Davis announced that she has decided to step down as Chair of the Partnership Council effective July 1, 2016. Linda hopes to continue as a part of the Partnership Council and thanked everyone for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Zellner